Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Forestland Fir, Spruce and Chestnut Restoration BF

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Forestland Fir, Spruce and Chestnut Restoration BF		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions		
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:		
1. a. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program?	Yes O or No O	
1. b. Address and support existing conservation initiatives such as but not limited to the following or new conservation initiatives that support State, National or tribal fish or wildlife plans: Sage Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Longleaf Pine, New England-New York Forestry		
1. c. Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern?		
1. d. Benefit prioritized native habitat critical to a fish or wildlife species?		
1. e. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?		
1. f. Eradicate or control prioritized noxious or invasive species?	Yes O or No O	
1. g. Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the State WHIP Plan?	Yes O or No O	
1. h. Implement conservation practices which benefit prioritized fish or wildlife species in forested areas?		
1. i. Establish habitat on pivot corners and irregular areas on agricultural land?		
1. j. Provide self-sustaining habitat for prioritized fish and wildlife while reducing net carbon emissions or boosting carbon storage (e.g., warm season perennial grasses, trees or shrubs)?		
1. k. Benefit migration and other movement corridors for prioritized wildlife?	Yes O or No O	
Business Lines – Conservation Implementation - Additional Ranking Considerations – Will the applicant in the proposed project:		
2. a. Complete habitat development within the first two years of the agreement?	Yes O or No O	

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the proposed site for planting at the desirable elevation for the species (Fir and Spruce – higher than 3000 feet, Chestnut – lower than 3000 feet)?	Yes O or No O
2. Will the planting involve cooperation with a partner agency such as WV Division of Forestry, WvDivision of Natural Resources, WVU College of Agriculture and Forestry, or the Nature Conservancy?	
3. Are there somewhat poorly or poorly drained soils in the area to be planted?	Yes O or No O

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	
1. Are chestnut seedlings produced from hybrid seedstock developed for resistance to chestnut blight?	Yes O or No O
2. Is this treatment to benefit threatened and endangered species? If yes, contact state biologist.	Yes O or No O
3. Will the participant agree to complete all practices in the first three years of the contract?	Yes O or No O
4. Is the proposed project area adjacent to National Forest land?	Yes O or No O

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
Ranking Score	
Efficiency:	
Local Issues:	
State Issues:	
National Issues:	
Final Ranking Score:	
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Notes:

	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: